

## WHO ARE THE FESTIVAL SINGING DAYS FOR?

This Workshop is appropriate for people with ALL levels of musical/vocal experience. Michael brings the message that everyone has a singer and a musician inside them and looks forward to sharing his passion for this magical mid-winter music with you.

'The Magic and Mysteries of Folk Carols' will take the melodies of folk songs & transform them via glorious harmonies which complement the essence of the original song. *To do this, Michael will teach you some of the distinctive arrangements of folk songs he has specialised in creating over the years.*

There'll be added parts inspired by IMPROVISED VOICINGS, beautiful ORNAMENTATION, and FREER RHYTHMS that allow the NATURALNESS of FOLK SONG to sound out. N.B. Michael's books of Folk Song arrangements 'Stations of the Sun' will also be on sale.

### TESTIMONIAL

*"This is amazing, vibrant choral music that sounds like nothing else I've ever heard before! I just didn't know how good choral folk singing could be!"*

**MICHAEL DEASON-BARROW** - Director of Tonalis Music Centre - is an inspirational choir leader. He runs courses all over the world connected to Singing and Sacred Musicing and has also conducted at the '3 Choirs Festival' - the world's most celebrated choral festival - in Gloucester Cathedral. Michael specialises in creating distinctive and original arrangements of folk songs and carols and has over 25 years experience of leading folk music in community choirs.

**Discounted Fee: £74** (for booking by Nov. 1st) **£80** (by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>) **£85** (thereafter)

**Couples, OAP's & Group Bookings (3+): £60/£65/£70 each** (dates as above)

**Work Scholarship: £50** 1 Work Scholarship is available.

**Saturday attendance only: £48** (if booked by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.)

**Times:** 10am - 6pm Saturday, 10am - 5pm Sunday

**Lunches:** Bring and Share, or a visit to the local pub. Tea and Coffee provided.

**A Registration Letter:** incl. venue details, etc. will be sent on receipt of your application.

**TONALIS, 4 Castle Farm Close, Leighterton, Glos. GL8 8UY**

### Application Form - 'Christmas Folk Carols'

Please complete & send to Tonalis (see above) with your cheque payable to - 'Tonalis'.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

## Give Voice this Christmas to the Mysteries, Magic & Myths of FOLK CAROLS



**SING:** • Vibrant West Gallery & Village Carols  
from Dorset & Cornwall to Sheffield  
• Mysterious Mid-winter Ritual Songs  
& • Enchanting Irish & Hebridean Carols

*Tonalis*

Led by Michael Deason-Barrow

**6th - 7th December 2014**

VENUE - Mildenhall Village Hall, Marlborough, WILTS

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Nothing conjures up the mysteries and magic of Christmas more than  
**CHOIRS SINGING CAROLS.**

This winter Tonalis is offering you the opportunity to give voice to  
**OUR VIBRANT LIVING TRADITION OF FOLK CAROLS IN A CHORAL SETTING**  
and is for all those people who want to participate in  
**AN UPLIFTING AND JOYFUL MID-WINTER CELEBRATION IN SONG.**

What you'll find here are hidden treasures that come from our oral tradition of village carol singing which have been lovingly handed down from generation to generation.

Here you will meet no sense of 'Ye Olde Worlde England', but rather how each song has a NEW and LIVING MESSAGE that is truly contemporary.

This is not the ethos of cathedral singing, or the singing of Victorian & Edwardian carols.

Instead, on 'The Mysteries and Magic of Folk Carols', you'll experience: the emotionally charged, dramatic, beautiful and haunting melodies that were sung by blacksmiths and farm labourers, etc. in pubs, chapels, homes, streets, fields & orchards.

Some of the music is full-throated and elemental  
and is sure to get your FEET STOMPING.

(e.g. WEST GALLERY and VILLAGE CAROL TRADITIONS).

So come and sing music that comes from villages that take great pride in their own carol traditions: from the ancient songs of Dorset Thomas Hardy knew so well, to the sheer exuberant joy of Sheffield and Derbyshire village carols.

But there'll also be a more PEACEFUL & CONTEMPLATIVE side to our singing, at the heart of which will lie some of the most beautiful of all English melodies -

e.g. the celebrated folk carol, 'This is the Truth Sent from Above', collected by the renowned composer and folk song collector Vaughan Williams.

*Michael will also lead you into the*

**HIDDEN MEANING** of the mysterious symbols, myths and traditions.  
- that underlie so many of these songs (from the Green Man to the Boar's Head).

*There'll also be:*

Festive Readings from Laurie Lee, Dylan Thomas and Thomas Hardy  
Mince pies and a cup of winter punch  
and  
a Carolling Visit to the Local Pub.

## Here's the Glorious Music we will Sing

### Meet some extraordinary Characters and Myths in Song

- ☉ A unique winter Green Man dressed in holly, ivy and berries
- ☉ 'Cock Robin and Cutty Wren' replete with characters such as Shiver to Shudder
- ☉ the Oxford scholar who slew the boar in a carol with echoes of a Norse fertility rite
- ☉ The Holly Boy and the Ivy Girl, and ☉ the ancient ritual of Wassailing.

**Get Inside the Mysteries of Legends from the Apocryphal Gospels**  
from the deep mysteries of the Cherry Tree Carol to the miraculous harvest of King Pharim.

### Take the Plaster off the Ceiling with West Gallery and Village Carols

West Gallery Music (traditionally sung in the west galleries of village churches)  
overflows with WONDER and ENERGY.

This is sacred folk music that is vigorous, earthy, robust and uninhibited.

You'll find it brings the GRAND WILD FREEDOM into sacred singing,  
that Thomas Hardy wrote about so lovingly in his novel, 'Under the Greenwood Tree'.

*So come and sing:*

- a rumbustious version of 'While Shepherds Watched',
- a rollicking rendering of 'Hark, Hark the News the Angels Bring'
- the celebrated carol, 'Shepherds Arise!', from the Copper Family, and
  - a soaring evocation of 'Peace o'er the World'.

### Sing Enchanting Celtic Carols

including songs from the ancient tradition of Kilmore in Co. Wexford where Celtic Carols - banished by the church - were sung in the winter fields on Christmas Eve,  
and  
a lilting Christmas lullaby that evokes a gently rocking Hebridean seascape.

### Give Voice to Dancing Medieval Folk Carols

from the joyous, syncopated rhythms of 'Gaudete'  
to the elemental rhythms of 'Miri It Is' that will drive the cold winter away!

*So Come*

*and Get Your Voices Vibrating in another Key*  
**& SING YOUR HEART OUT THIS CHRISTMAS.**